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DEMOCRATIC STATE TICKET.

SECRETARY OF STATE,
WILLIAM W. ARMSTRONG,
of Seneca County.

SUPERIOR JUDGE,
(REPELLED)

PHILADELPHIA VAN TRUMP,
of Fairfield County.

170 THE WAGNER,
LAW VACANCY.

MACHIAS C. WHIPPLEY,
of Mahaska County.

SENATE VACANCY.

ALEXANDER S. BOYES,
of Litchfield County.

ATTORNEY GENERAL,
LYMAN R. CRITCHFIELD,
of Holmes County.

COMPTROLLER OF THE TREASURY,
WILLIAM S. V. PRENTISS,
of Franklin County.

SON OF COMM. FORTN.
ALEXANDER S. RAMSEY,
of Madison County.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS,
(REPELLED)

WILLIAM LARWILL,
of Madison County.

(CONT'D.)
CHARLES BOESL,
of Madison County.

Current News Items.

Dispatches from Sec'y. Stanton, last night, occupy a good deal of space, and convey very little intelligence.

It is said that rebel iron clads will not be permitted to leave France.

Butler pretends to some successes; but he is a convicted falsifier, and not to be believed.

If, as is asserted, the rebel iron clads are to be detained in French ports, it is because the Government has purchased Napoleon's favor by surrendering the dignity and honor of the Republic.

There is a strange reliance in Sec'y. Stanton's dispatches to Dix in relation to Federal losses in late engagements. The inference is unfavorable.

The surrender of Arguelles, who came to this country a political refugee, claiming the right of asylum, is raising a terrible storm against the Administration.—The Cincinnati Gazette and the N. York Evening Post, Republican papers, are as bitter as Democratic journals in their denunciation of this crime.

It is conceded on all hands that the Cleveland ticket—Fremont for President, and Cochrane for Vice President—is a very strong one. Its political consequences must be momentous. It may yet change the aspect of parties, and lead to new combinations.

Help.

With much that is pernicious, the Fremont Convention has given utterance to much that is good, and worthy of all acceptance. It announces that the Constitution and Laws must be obeyed; and that the rights of Free Press, Free Speech, and Habeas Corpus shall be held inviolate.—To this extent, the Democratic party will hereafter have the aid of a large, intelligent, and influential class of men, whose position has heretofore identified them with the crimes and oppression of Abraham Lincoln. They will aid us in arousing the people to a realization of the despotism which has been erected at Washington, and of the tyranny and oppression which have been imposed upon them in the name of a spurious and hypocritical "loyalty to the Government." Whatever else may result, it will be manifest, when the election is over, and the votes counted, that there is a majority of the people, too formidable to be despised or tampered with, and ready in the last emergency to unite, who are resolved to maintain, at whatever sacrifice, their inalienable rights as freemen. We read in the Fremont Platform, an end to arbitrary arrests, illegal punishments, and the tyrannical censorship of the press, which has of late spoken only with bated breath, and with the constant apprehension of suppression and ruin in their prospective.

Chasing the Beast.

Mr. Davis, of Kentucky, has introduced a resolution into the Senate, reciting the treason of Butler in the early stages of Secession, his notorious sympathy with the movement, and also his subsequent oppression and robbery, as Lincoln's satrap of Louisiana; and demanding a committee of investigation. But the committee will be refused, of course. Lost as the leading Republicans are to every sense of honor and honesty, they yet shrink from a revelation of the crimes of a man with whom they are so intimately identified.

Those who expect negroes to make good soldiers are doomed to disappointment.—Sam'l will naturally take to his heels, having such an abundance of hosts to take him.—*Louisville Journal.*

TWO YEARS AGO.

Yesterday and to-day two years ago, was fought the celebrated battle of Fair Oaks, or Seven Pines, only five miles from Richmond, Gen. McClellan commanding the Federal and Gen. Joe Johnston the rebel troops. Gen. Johnston was badly wounded on the first day. The fight did not turn out to the advantage of the rebels, as the first day's operations seemed to promise them. Their loss was said to be 8,000, and the reported loss on our side, 5,734.

Strange to say, no further engagement took place until the 26th of June, when the famous battle about Richmond, called the Seven Days' Fight, began.

Here we are, two years later, thundering at the walls of Richmond again, much better prepared ourselves, but the enemy in a condition far superior to his power at that time. Many bloody and destructive battles are necessary to determine the result. It is awful to contemplate.

Constitutional Scruples.

The Journal is suffering from a slight attack of Constitution on the brain. It wonders that the Fremont Convention should have committed so egregious a blunder as to nominate a President and Vice President from the State, when the Constitution expressly forbids it. It is the Journal which commits the "egregious blunder." Fremont is a resident of California, though temporarily absent from the State.

Lincoln Boys Greeley—Greeley has been more or less sulky ever since the creation of Lincoln's Cabinet. He desired a place, and did not get it. Of late he has been demonstrative in his hostility to the Second Washington, and very Fremontish in the tone of his paper. He was confidently expected at Cleveland, where he had promised to be; and while we were reading the disappointment of the Convention at his absence, the morning's dispatch brings word that Lincoln has already designated his Cabinet for the next term, making Greeley Secretary of the Interior. This shows at once the baseness of Greeley, and the flight of poor Lincoln at the Cleveland Convention.

The Cincinnati Gazette is very shy in its comments on the Fremont nomination, as if it considered its support a possible future contingency. The Commercial pitches in furiously, and exhausts its slender resources of wit in ridicule of the movement.

The question uppermost in the Republican mind, since the purchase of Greeley and his paper, by Lincoln, is whether Fremont may not in like manner be bought off?

Democratic District Convention.

The Democrats of the Third Congressional District of Ohio, met in Convention in the city of Dayton, on Wednesday the 25th instant, pursuant to the call heretofore published, and after transacting some business, adjourned to meet again at HAMILTON, Butler county, on

Wednesday, the 15th June, at 11 o'clock A. M. At that time the Convention will nominate one Presidential Elector for the District, and appoint two Delegates and two Alternates to the National Democratic Convention, to be held at Chicago on the Fourth Day of July next.

The Democrats of all those Townships in Montgomery county, and Wards in the city of Dayton, in which primary meetings were not held on the 23d inst., and from which Delegates were not appointed to the Convention on the 25th, are requested to meet at the usual places of holding elections, in said Townships and Wards, on Saturday the 11th, day of June, at 1 o'clock P. M., and appoint delegates to attend the Convention at Hamilton on the 15th. Each of said Townships will be entitled to Eight and each Ward to Three Delegates in the Convention.

A CAHILL,
Chmn. Dem. Cen. Com.

DAYTON, May 20th, 1864.

The Tiger in Washington.

Speaking of gambling, a Washington letter says:

"Congressmen are not heavy players now a days, although there are instances on record where they lost their pay and mileage before it could be drawn. Humphrey Marshall, when appointed Minister to China, was "plucked" of his outfit and first year's salary the day he received it, and had to borrow money to get to Canton with. Now the officers furnish profitable flossings, as they come in from the front and receive several months back pay, and contractors often leave their ill-gotten gains in the bank of King Faro. The most famous establishment now-a-days, is kept by Joe Hall, whose supper are gastronomic wonders, and whose wines reconcile those who lose their spare greenbacks at the gaming table to their losses."

The Washington correspondent of the *Albion Press* says that the President "sweetly sleeps in the possession of an easy conscience." As sweetly no doubt among women as in the possession of an easy virtue.

—*Louisville Journal.*

Is Lee Going to Richmond?

(From Correspondence of the N. Y. Tribune.)

WASHINGTON, May 26, 1864.

The retreat of General Lee across the North Anna has had many journals, and the people generally, to believe that he intends to fall back as often as pressed by our forces, until inside the fortifications of Richmond. I regret that I cannot share in this opinion, for I am confident that if he retired within the defenses of the city, with a view of standing a siege, both the city and his army would soon fall into our hands.

My reasons for believing that the great rebel Captain does not intend to fall back to his capital, or, if obliged to do so, does not intend to remain there, are manifold. In the first place, with the city besieged by our forces, it would be impossible for him to sustain his immense army there for any considerable time.

Secondly, the extensive fortifications around the city render its capture next to impossible, except by a siege; and forty thousand troops, with plenty of laborers, can defend it successfully—and more so, as they could not be starved out as soon—as an army four times as large.

Thirdly, it is firmly believed by prominent rebel officers and civil functionaries in Richmond, usually well-informed in regard to the plans of their Generals, that Lee is still determined and able to transfer the seat of war to the North. The evening before Mr. Harris left Richmond he was at the Spotsylvania Hotel, where there were quite a number of officers who were slightly wounded in the battles between Lee and Grant, in conversation with eminent citizens, and the opinion was freely expressed that Lee was "getting Grant just where he wants him." It was stated to be Lee's plan to lead Grant on, and when near the South Anna manifest a determination to make a stand, and quickly and suddenly slip away, and turn up where least expected. It was further stated that he would throw his entire army to Stanton and by forced marches up the Shenandoah Valley, compel Grant to fall back to cover Washington, when he (Lee) would push his force into Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Whether this is really the plan of General Lee, or whether the parties who represented it to him were indulging in speculation and conjecture, remains to be seen. It is, however, certain that for several days prior to Mr. Harris leaving Richmond an immense number of cars and locomotives were sent from there over the Central Road to Fredericksville, a station on that road, and Gordonsville; and that a great number more were sent to the same points from the South, by way of Lynchburg and Charlottesville. At Gordonsville and Fredericksville temporary tracks had been constructed to make room for the hundreds of cars and locomotives, until they should be required for use. Whether they are intended to convey Lee's army suddenly to Stanton, pursuant to the supposed plan I have mentioned, or to some point further south, we shall see in a few days. But of this I am perfectly satisfied, now, that Lee will not fall back to Richmond, or, if he does, will not attempt to remain there.

The Ladies' Covenant.

The following is the Covenant of some of the ladies of Chicago, and adopted by them at a late public meeting:

"For three years, or during the war, we pledge ourselves to each other and to the country to purchase no imported goods when those of American manufacture can be substituted."

"We furthermore pledge ourselves to purchase no articles of foreign importation contained in the list appended to the covenant; which are—

"Dress goods of velvet, silk, greenbaize, India crepe, and imported organdie, India lace, and brocade shawls, fans, wrought lace and embroidery, jewelry, watches and precious stones and hair ornaments, artificial flowers and furniture, feather, carpets, furniture, silk and velvets, painted china, ormolu, bronze, marble ornaments and mirrors."

If this should be carried out by all the people of the country, the foreign revenue of the Government would be entirely destroyed?

Where would it get its gold to pay the interest on the public debt? Have the ladies ever thought of this? It gets gold from no other source—*Enquirer.*

The Fremont Platform.

THE PLATE ROOM.

1. That the Federal Union shall be preserved.

2. That the Constitution and Laws of the Union must be observed, and obeyed.

3. That the rebellion must be suppressed by force of arms, and without compromise.

4. That the rights of free speech, the press, and habeas corpus be held inviolate, save in districts where martial law has been proclaimed.

5. That the rebellion has destroyed slavery, and the Federal Constitution should be amended to prohibit its re-establishment, and to secure to all men absolute equality before the law.

6. That the right of asylum, except for crime, and subject to law, is a recognized principle of American liberty, that any violation of it cannot be overlooked; and must, not go unredressed.

7. That the national policy, known as the Monroe Doctrine has become a recognized principle.

8. That the establishment of an anti-slavery government on this continent by any foreign power cannot be tolerated.

9. That the gratitude and support of the European readers of the Union army and navy, for their priceless achievements and deathless valor in the defense of our imperiled country and of civil liberty.

10. That the one term policy for the Presidency, adopted by the people, is strengthened by the force of the existing crisis, and should be maintained by constitutional amendment.

11. That the constitution should be so amended that the President and Vice President shall be elected by a direct vote of the people.

12. That the question of the reconstruction of the rebellious States belongs to the people through their representatives in Congress, and not to the executive.

13. That the confiscation of the lands of the rebels, and their distribution among the soldiers and actual settlers, is a measure of justice.

Special Correspondence of the Cincinnati Gazette.

WASHINGTON, May 24.

ABOUT THE STRATFORD AT SPOTSYLVANIA.

The dispute which has raged for a day or two as to whether Grant maneuvered Lee out of his position at Spotsylvania Court House, or whether Lee deceived Grant into believing he was still there in strength, by a show of force while he had really stolen away with the bulk of his army, and made good his retreat, seems settled this morning by a cautious expression of the official bulletin.—Mr. Stebbins, the Chairman of the Board of Brokers in this city. But madness rules the hour, and if Mr. Morrell, the Secretary of the Treasury, is to be believed, the latter is to be preferred.

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